

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

**Page 1, before the first paragraph, insert the heading --BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--.**

**Page 2, before the third full paragraph, insert the heading --SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--.**

**Page 4, before the second full paragraph, insert the heading --BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--.**

**Page 4, before the sixth full paragraph, insert the heading --DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF ILLUSTRATIVE, NON-LIMITING EMBODIMENTS--.**

**Page 5, first full paragraph:**

The carrying device 14 is therefore suited for circulating the preform ~~14~~ 12 inside the oven according to a specific path, along which the preform moves in front of heating means, such as infrared lamps.